Open field demonstration scheme by National Institute of Health and Family Welfare

949. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi proposes to start or open Field Demonstra-tion Centres in Health and Family Welfare in the rural and tribal areas in the country 'apart from Delhi;

(b) if so, what are 'he details of the proposal and locations of such centres: and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons there, for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY-OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE ((KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A proposal to start a Rural Field Practice Demonstration Area was received from the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Due to resource constraints it was decided to take up the matter later.

Stopping, the manufacture of iodised salt

950. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether it is a fact that researchers of the Defence Research Organisation have opined that iodised salt being manufactured in the country is not good for health as reported in 'Navbharat Times' of the 19th May, 1988;

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained facts in this regard; and

(e).what steps have been taken to stop the sale of iodised salt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE ((KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Yes. The Government has seen the news item.

Administration of iodised salt is the sim. ple and cheapest method for the control of Goitre and other Todine Defficiency Disorders, which is one of the most widely pre. valent nutritional problems of the country. The level of iodisation of salt has been prescribed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 taking into account acceptable level of iodine in-take oven by normally healthy individuals. There is a general consensus that iodation of salt at the level recommended will not pose any health hazards to the consumers of all age groups even though they are not having iodine deficiency.

Ticketlcss travel by air passengers

951. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA ; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Daily Telegraph of the 4th June, 1988 regarding ticketless passengers travelling in the Airbus and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that a passenger was found without ticket in a Delhi bound Airbus flight No. 263 on May 27, 1988;

(c) whether the said passenger has been charge-sheeted; and

(d) what is the number of air passen gers found travelling without ticket or valid travelling authority tickets in 1986-8" and 1988 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THI MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATTL) (a) The news item regarding ticketles passengers travelling on Airbus which ap peared in the Daily Telegraph of 4-6-198! has come to the notice of the Government No passenger has, however, travelled witl out ticket as alleged in the news item.

(b) A staff passenger attempted to tra vel without a valid ticket on Indian Ait lines Flight IC-263 of 27-5-1988 but th same was detected and the concerned pas senger was off-loaded before the release c the flight.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No passenger was found travelling without ticket or valid travelling authority during the year 1987 and upto May, 1988.

Funds for National Leprosy Eradication Programme in States

952. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MA LAVIYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that several States and Union Territories have been receiving funds from the Central Govern-nent for National Leprosy Eradication Programme;

(b) if so, what amount was allocated to Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka, Tamil Sladu and Delhi in 1980-81, 1982-83 and 1985-86;

(c) whether Government have made any nvestigation on the complaints regarding ion-implementation of the National Lep-osy Eradication Programme; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPAR-)E) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requisite information is given in he Statement enclosed as Annexure. *[See* appendix CXLVII,. Annexure No. 41].

(c) There is no complaint of non-imple-lentation of this programme.

(d) Does not arise.

tido-Frtnch cooperation to Modernise Railways

953. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN .EDDY: Will the Minister of RAIL-[r]AYS he pleased to state;

(a) whether an Indo-French protocol on cooperation in the field of Railways was signed on the occasion of his visit to France and France has offered sophisticated tech-nology to help India modernise her Railways and to jointly develop a Indo-French Superfast train; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions held and the co-operation agreed to in the field of development of Railways between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MA-DHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Ah Indo-French Protocol for cooperation in the field of Railways was signed during the visit of the Minister of State for Railways to France recently. It covers the following areas for special consideration;

(i) Hihg Speed Technology.

(ii) Improving Existing Electric and Diesel Rolling Stock of Indian Railways.

(iii) Speeding up the existing Passenger Trains.

(iv) Modernisation of a Passenger Terminal.

(v) Suburban Transport.

(vi) Management

(vii) Technical Development of modern train control systems.

Both parties shall provide each other technical assistance on the basis of agree-ments to be negotiated on a case by case basis.

The two parties have agreed to a pre-feajsibility study for a new high speed line between Delhi and Kanpur via, Agra being conducted.